PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Athletic Training (AT) Graduate Program at Slippery Rock University is a combination of rigorous academic instruction and authentic clinical experience. The AT Graduate Program prepares proficient healthcare practitioners to collaborate with other medical professionals to optimize the activity and wellness of patients and clients in sport, work, and life. Students will learn the science of athletic training with a focus on patient-centered injury and illness prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, return to activity, and exercise as medicine.

The AT Graduate Program is guided by the athletic training education competencies as well as the core program values of professionalism, respect, compassion, interprofessional education, evidence-based practice and student-centered learning. Students develop communication, decision-making, analytical, and altruistic skills necessary for proficient practice with a diverse population. Students need to possess select prerequisite knowledge, emergency care certification, and health and criminal clearances before beginning the program.

Students successfully completing the AT Graduate Program are eligible to take the Board of Certification (BOC), Inc. examination. Graduates who pass the BOC examination will be qualified to deliver quality healthcare in various employment settings (e.g. high schools, colleges, professional sports, industrial, military and performing arts), and will contribute to the global medical community by reducing healthcare costs, improving healthcare accessibility, preventing and managing diseases, and promoting wellness.

Individuals holding the BOC credential or are eligible to take the BOC examination are not candidates for the SRU AT Graduate Program.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The AT Graduate Program is unique because:

• Slippery Rock University has built a recognized reputation, not only in western Pennsylvania but throughout the United States in health, wellness and clinical sciences, and has gained recognition for the quality of faculty and program content in many ways.

• The undergraduate Athletic Training Program, established in 1974, has a history of excellence in the profession of athletic training with alumni across the state, country and world.

• The university sponsors several health and medical profession programs that engage in interprofessional education and practice.

• The graduate program is committed to providing diverse, authentic, and immersive clinical experiences.

• The Exercise is Medicine® initiative is infused in the program values.

ACCREDITATION

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) located at 6850 Austin Center Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78731-3184. The program will have its next comprehensive review during the 2020-2021 academic year.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATION

All students successfully completing this program are eligible to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) examination. Additionally, athletic trainers must be registered in the state they practice. As regulations vary by state, please check the licensing board in your state.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

The AT Graduate Program will require 63 credits of classroom courses and clinical experiences offered sequentially over four consecutive semesters and two summers to promote progressive, higher-order learning over time. Students will matriculate full-time in a cohort.

Slippery Rock University undergraduate students enrolled in eligible majors with prerequisite courses will apply for admission during the third undergraduate year and be able to complete the SRU AT Graduate Program in a fifth year (3+2). Students with earned degrees and prerequisites will apply for admission and complete the AT Graduate Program in two years (4+2).

SRU is no longer accepting new students to pursue the undergraduate AT major after the fall 2016 semester as it transitions from the Bachelor of Science degree to a Master of Science degree. The last undergraduate cohort of students majoring in AT will graduate in the spring 2020.
EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

CURRICULUM (63 CREDITS)

ATTR 601: Foundations in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 602: Athletic Training Techniques (3 cr)
ATTR 603: Evidence-Based Practice in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 604: Clinical Anatomy and Kinesiology in Athletic Training - I (3 cr)
ATTR 605: Lower Extremity Pathology and Intervention in Athletic Training (6 cr)
ATTR 606: Upper Extremity Pathology and Intervention in Athletic Training (6 cr)
ATTR 607: General Medicine and Pharmacology Concepts in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 608: Clinical Anatomy and Kinesiology in Athletic Training - II (3 cr)
ATTR 610: Athletic Training Clinical Experiences I (3 cr)
ATTR 620: Athletic Training Clinical Experiences II (3 cr)
ATTR 701: Head and Spine Pathology and Intervention in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 702: Diverse Interventions in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 711: Professional Development of the Athletic Trainer (3 cr)
ATTR 712: Synthesis of Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 720: Emerging Settings in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 750: Advanced Athletic Training Clinical Residency (12 cr)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

Minimum admission requirements include the following:

1. A minimum of a baccalaureate degree (4+2) or completion of the first three years of a SRU 3+2 Pre-Athletic Training Concentration AND the following prerequisites (taken within the past 5 years):
   a. Anatomy & Physiology I with lab (3-4 credits)
   b. Anatomy & Physiology I with lab (3-4 credits)
   c. Chemistry (3-4 credits)
   d. Kinesiology or Biomechanics (3-4 credits)
   e. Physics I with lab (3-4 credits)
   f. Exercise Physiology (3-4 credits)
   g. Nutrition (3 credits)
   h. Psychology (3 credits; introductory, developmental or abnormal)
   i. Statistics (3 credits)
   j. Medical Terminology (at least 1 credit)
2. A “C” or better in all prerequisite courses
3. Official transcripts from any accredited college/university where credits have been earned GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. (Students with a GPA below 3.0 may apply for conditional admission)
4. Two electronic reference forms:
   a. One from an academic advisor or instructor
   b. One from a healthcare provider; an athletic trainer is preferred

Note: Upon formal admission to the program, the applicant is required to confirm the ability to meet the Technical Standards of the program. By July 1, the student must provide valid proof of Professional Rescuer Level CPR and First Aid Certification. Before participating in an assigned Athletic Training Clinical Experience and/or Advanced Athletic Training Clinical Residency, the student will need to provide valid proof of:
   • PA State Criminal History Background Check (Act 34)
   • PA Child Abuse History Clearance Form (Act 151)
   • PA Department of Education or Department of Human Services FBI Federal Criminal History Record (Act 114) [depending on affiliate site assignment]
   • PA child Abuse Recognition and Report Act (Act 126) [depending on affiliate site assignment]
   • Innoculations current with OSHA requirements for healthcare providers
   • Others as required by affiliate state

TUITION & ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:
Office of Graduate Admissions
104 North Hall, Welcome Center
Slippery Rock, PA 16057
www.sru.edu/graduate
724.738.2051 or 877.SRU.GRAD
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The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

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